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#### Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

#### Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled) An apparatus for higher radix binary multiplication, said apparatus comprising:
  - means for multiplying a multiplicand by weight;
  - means for recoding a multiplier;
  - means for generating partial products of low-order digits of the multiplier; and
  - means for combining said partial products of low-order digits of the multiplier and partial products of the multiplicand.
2. (canceled) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said multiplicand and multiplier are radix-32 and said multiplier is recoded to radix-7.
3. (canceled) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said multiplicand and multiplier are radix-256 and said multiplier is recoded to radix-11.
4. (previously presented) A method for higher radix binary multiplication, said method comprising the steps of:
  - receiving a multiplier and a multiplicand;
  - recoding the multiplier and the multiplicand by extracting bits from the multiplier and the multiplicand and obtaining first recoded digits from a conversion table;
  - recoding the multiplier and the multiplicand by extracting bits from the multiplier and the multiplicand and obtaining second recoded digits from a conversion table;
  - generating first partial products by selecting the first recoded digits in a Booth 4 partial product generator;
  - generating second partial products by selecting the second recoded digits in a Booth 8 partial product generator;

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adding the first partial products to form a first result and multiplying the first result by 7 to form a second result;

adding the second partial products to form a third result; and

adding the second result and the third result to form a final result.

5. (previously presented) The method of claim 4, wherein the multiplier and the multiplicand are 64-bit digits and the final result is a 128-bit digit.

6. (previously presented) The method of claim 4, wherein the step of recoding to form the first recoded digits extracts 13 6-tuples of bits and the step of recoding to form the second recoded digits extracts 13 6-tuples of bits.

7. (previously presented) An apparatus for higher radix binary multiplication, said apparatus comprising:

means for receiving a multiplier and a multiplicand;

means for recoding the multiplier and the multiplicand by extracting bits from the multiplier and the multiplicand and obtaining first recoded digits from a conversion table;

means for recoding the multiplier and the multiplicand by extracting bits from the multiplier and the multiplicand and obtaining second recoded digits from a conversion table;

means for generating first partial products by selecting the first recoded digits in a Booth 4 partial product generator;

means for generating second partial products by selecting the second recoded digits in a Booth 8 partial product generator;

means for adding the first partial products to form a first result and multiplying the first result by 7 to form a second result;

means for adding the second partial products to form a third result; and

8. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the multiplier and the multiplicand are 64-bit digits and the final result is a 128-bit digit.

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9. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the means for recoding to form the first recoded digits extracts 13 6-tuples of bits and the means for recoding to form the second recoded digits extracts 13 6-tuples of bits.

10. (previously presented) An apparatus for higher radix binary multiplication, said apparatus comprising:

- a plurality of recoders;
- a plurality of Booth 4 partial product generator selectors, connected to the recoders;
- a plurality of Booth 8 partial product generator selectors, connected to the recoders;
- an adder connected to the Booth 4 partial product generator;
- an adder connected to the Booth 8 partial product generator selector;
- a multiplier connected to the adder connected to the Booth 4 partial product generator;

and

- a carry propagate adder, connected to the adders.

11. (previously presented) A method for higher radix binary multiplication, , said method comprising the steps of:

- receiving a multiplier and a multiplicand;
- recoding the multiplier and the multiplicand by extracting bits from the multiplier and the multiplicand and obtaining first recoded digits from a conversion table;
- recoding the multiplier and the multiplicand by extracting bits from the multiplier and the multiplicand and obtaining second recoded digits from a conversion table;
- multiplying the first recoded digits of the multiplicand by 7 to form a first result; and
- generating first partial products by selecting the first result in a Booth 4 partial product generator;
- generating second partial products by selecting the second recoded digits in a Booth 8 partial product generator; and
- adding the first partial products and the second partial products to form a final result.

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12. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the multiplier and the multiplicand are 64-bit digits and the final result is a 128-bit digit.

13. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the step of recoding to form the first recoded digits extracts 13 6-tuples of bits and the step of recoding to form the second recoded digits extracts 13 6-tuples of bits.

14. (previously presented) An apparatus for higher radix binary multiplication, said apparatus comprising:

means for receiving a multiplier and a multiplicand;

means for recoding the multiplier and the multiplicand by extracting bits from the multiplier and the multiplicand and obtaining first recoded digits from a conversion table;

means for recoding the multiplier and the multiplicand by extracting bits from the multiplier and the multiplicand and obtaining second recoded digits from a conversion table;

means for multiplying the first recoded digits of the multiplicand by 7 to form a first result; and

means for generating first partial products by selecting the first result in a Booth 4 partial product generator;

means for generating second partial products by selecting the second recoded digits in a Booth 8 partial product generator; and

means for adding the first partial products and the second partial products to form a final result.

15. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the multiplier and the multiplicand are 64-bit digits and the final result is a 128-bit digit.

16. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the means for recoding to form the first recoded digits extracts 13 6-tuples of bits and the means for recoding to form the second recoded digits extracts 13 6-tuples of bits.

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17. (previously presented) An apparatus for higher radix binary multiplication, said apparatus comprising:  
a plurality of recoders;  
a plurality of Booth 4 partial product generator selectors, connected to the recoders;  
a plurality of Booth 8 partial product generator selectors, connected to the recoders;  
a multiplier connected to the Booth 8 partial product generator selectors; and  
a carry propagate adder, connected to the Booth 4 partial product generator selectors and the Booth 8 partial product generator selectors.

18. (previously presented) An apparatus for higher radix binary multiplication, said apparatus comprising:  
means for receiving a multiplier and a multiplicand;  
means for recoding the multiplier by extracting bits from the multiplier and obtaining first recoded digits from a first conversion table;  
means for multiplying the multiplicand by 7 to form a first result;  
means for generating first partial products by inputting the first result and a first recoded digit into a Booth 4 partial product generator;  
means for generating second partial products by inputting the first result and respective second recoded digits into respective Booth 8 partial product generators;  
and  
means for combining the first partial products and the second partial products to form a final result.

19. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the multiplier and the multiplicand are 64-bit values and the final result is a 128-bit value.

20. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the means for recoding to form the first recoded digits extracts 13 6-tuples of bits and the means for recoding to form the second recoded digits extracts 13 6-tuples of bits.

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21. (previously presented) An apparatus for higher radix binary multiplication, said apparatus comprising:

a plurality of recoders;

a plurality of Booth 4 partial product generator selectors, connected to the recoders;

a plurality of Booth 8 partial product generator selectors, connected to the recoders;

multiplier connected to the Booth 8 partial product generator selectors; and

a carry propagate adder, connected to the Booth 4 partial product generator selectors and the Booth 8 partial product generator selectors.